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The Arizona Department of Insurance, ("Department"), has received evidence that Respondents, Country Casualty Insurance Company ("Country Casualty"), and Country Mutual Insurance Company ("Country Mutual") violated the provisions of Title 20. Respondents wish to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Findings of Fact are true, neither admit nor deny the following Conclusions of Law, but consent to entry of the following Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all material times, Country Casualty held a certificate of authority to transact business in Arizona as a property and casualty insurer.
- 2. At all material times, Country Mutual held a certificate of authority to transact business in Arizona as a property and casualty insurer.
- 3. Country Casualty is a wholly owned subsidiary of Country Mutual. Respondents are therefore "affiliates" within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-481. Respondents both offer private passenger automobile insurance in Arizona which includes comprehensive coverage for motor

vehicle damage.

- 4. As of January 1, 1989, any insurer writing private passenger automobile insurance which includes comprehensive coverage for motor vehicle damage is required to provide, at the option of the insured, complete coverage for the repair or replacement of all damaged safety equipment without regard to any deductible, pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-264.
- 5. Between the years 1989 and 1995, Respondents offered zero deductible safety equipment repair or replacement only in conjunction with comprehensive coverage which provided zero deductible for any and all losses. Respondents did not offer zero deductible safety equipment repair or replacement in conjunction with comprehensive coverage that provided for a deductible for other losses.
- 6. The Department received two complaints from Respondents' insureds that Respondents failed to offer the coverage contemplated in A.R.S. §20-264, which resulted in the insureds sustaining uncovered safety equipment losses as follows:
  - a) J. Mark King in the amount of two-hundred dollars (\$200); and
  - b) Christopher Doak in the amount of three-hundred-sixty-five dollars (\$365).

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondents' failure to provide, at the option of the insured, complete coverage for the repair or replacement of all damaged safety equipment without regard to any deductible, is a violation of A.R.S. § 20-264.

1	Respondents' conduct constitutes a violation of a provision of Title 20, within the meaning of
2	A.R.S. § 20-220(A)(1).
3	4. Grounds exist for the Director to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the certificates of
4	authority held by Respondents or to order Respondents to pay civil penalties, or both, pursuant to
5	A.R.S. § 20-220 (A)and (B).
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7	ORDER
8	IT IS ORDERED THAT:
9	1. Respondents shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the
10	Director for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund, pursuant to
11	A.R.S. §20-220.
12	2. Respondents shall make restitution directly to:
13	a) J. Mark King, in the amount of two-hundred dollars (\$200).
14	b) Christopher Doak, in the amount of three-hundred-sixty-fine dollars (\$365).
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16	DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS, 1997.
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18	JOHN A. GREENE, DIRECTOR
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- CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondents have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 2. Respondents admit the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, admit the foregoing Findings of Fact, neither admit nor deny the foregoing Conclusions of Law, but consent to the entry of the foregoing Order.
- 3. Respondents are aware of their right to notice and a hearing at which they may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondents irrevocably waive their right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this consent order.
- 4. Respondents state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to them to induce them to enter into this Consent Order and that they have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondents acknowledge that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, is solely to settle this matter against them and does not preclude any other agency, officer or subdivision of this state from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

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